GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Harassment by Guides
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that many inefficient guides and touts posing as guides harass visitors, especially foreign tourists at protected monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) whether the Government proposed to appoint qualified licensed guides; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) A few incidence of inefficient individuals posing as guides to harass visitors have been reported.

(b)&(c) Yes, Madam. Archaeological Survey of India has framed Policy for Guides as per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for appointment of Archaeological Survey of India guides to make the system transparent.